

Modifying Process for Board and Commission Interviews

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Four Boards/Commissions Have Decision-Making Authority

- Board of Adjustment (BoA)
- Community Design Commission
- Historic District Commission
- Planning Commission

Decisions are not reviewable by Council

- Three commission decisions can be appealed to BoA
- BoA decisions can only be appealed to Superior Court



Entire Council currently interviews applicants for two:

- Planning Commission
- Community Design Commission

Given authority of other two, interviews seem appropriate. More in-depth interviews also appropriate.

Proposed to adopt model used for OWASA appointees:

- Council-appointed interview committee
- More in-depth interviews
- Public process
- Recommendations to full Council



Benefits would include

- Better understanding of applicant qualifications and decisionmaking style
- Less intimidating for applicants
- Full Council would have more confidence in choices

Recommendation

• That the Council adopt R-8 to modify the process to interview applicants to the boards with semi-autonomous authority

